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GROUP EXHIBITING INCREASED EXPRESSION AT A SPOT SITE AS AN  
INDICATOR AND SCREENING METHOD FOR SPOT FORMATION  
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